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For : AN ORAL FORMULATION FOR GASTROINTESTINAL  
DRUG DELIVERY

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.112  
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 9, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until December 9, 2004.

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for one month until January 10, 2005 (January 9, 2005 being a Sunday), and is concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for one month accompanied by the appropriate government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or any fees are needed to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment, with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.